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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Tomoyuki KAYAMA ET AL.

SERIAL NO: 10/033,920

FILED: JANUARY 3, 2002

FOR: MOLTEN-SALT TYPE CATALYST

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: ART UNIT: 1755

: EXAMINER: HAILEY, P. L.

: ALLOWED: APRIL 8, 2004

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated April 7, 2004, Applicants request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that U.S. 5,884,474 cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 3, 2003, has been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith copies of the Information Disclosure Statements as filed on September 3, 2003, along with a copy of the reference for which consideration is requested and a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered is kindly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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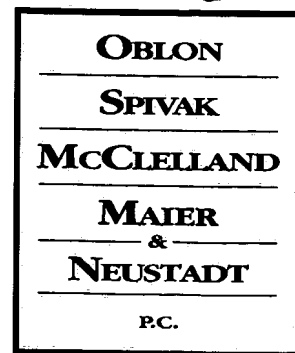
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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**  
**Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated September 3, 2003**  
**Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed September 3, 2003**  
**Copy of Form PTO 1449 filed September 3, 2003**  
**Copy of Cited Reference (1) filed September 3, 2003**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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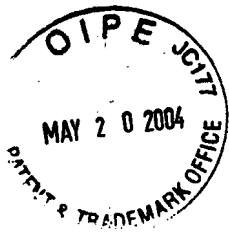
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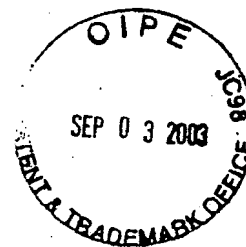
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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☒ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment form is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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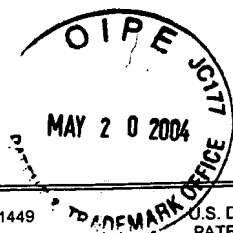
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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